

In the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following:

**--SURFACE-MODIFIED MIXED OXIDES CONTAINING PRECIOUS METAL AND
TITANIUM, FOR THE SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF HYDROCARBONS--**

After the title please insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/980,603 filed on February 21, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following at page 1, line 10:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following at page 3, line 23:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following at page 4, line 9:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 illustrates the DRIFTS spectrum of two silylated and unsilylated materials, which were produced according to Example 1.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following at page 33, line 24:

--The foregoing examples of the present invention are offered for the purpose of illustration and not limitation. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the embodiments described herein may be modified or revised in various ways without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The scope of the invention is to be measured by the appended claims.--